

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1151 without my signature.

This bill would require elections officials to establish a website or toll-free telephone number to allow voters to confirm their registration status.

Counties are already required to send a notification card to voters upon registration, and voters can phone their local elections officials to verify registration status. Further, counties can voluntarily implement the requirements of this bill if they so desire. In fact, several counties already have online verification systems.

Given the requirements of existing law and the ability of counties to voluntarily implement the provisions of this bill, a statewide mandate is unnecessary. I encourage counties to consider implementing the provisions of this bill if their resources allow, but I cannot support mandating them to do so.

For these reasons I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger